State *of* California
Department *of* Justice

Office *of the* Attorney General

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Examination Bulletin

# SPECIAL AGENT TRAINEE

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| **EXAM CODE:** | *7JUAK* |
| **EXAM TYPE:** | *OPEN – CONTINUOUS* |
| **LOCATION(S):** | *STATEWIDE* |
| **SALARY INFORMATION:** | *$3,635 - $4,823** <br> ***The salaries used in this bulletin are the latest available from the state controller's office, but may not reflect the most recent salary adjustment.** |
| **CLASS & SCHEM CODE:** | *8514 / VG15* |

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT & DRUG FREE STATEMENTS

The state of California is an equal opportunity employer to all, regardless of age, ancestry, color, disability (mental and physical), exercising the right to family care and medical leave, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military or veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religious creed, sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and related medical conditions), and sexual orientation.

It is the objective of the state of California to achieve a drug-free state work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service and the special trust placed in public servants.

## CONTINUOUS TESTING

The testing office will accept examination packets continuously throughout the year; however, the packets will only be processed during the current administration period. Generally, this examination is administered **annually**, although this is subject to change based on testing needs. Applications will be reviewed to ensure the minimum requirements for participation in this exam are met. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Once you have taken the examination, you may not retest for **12 months** from the established list date.

## WHO CAN APPLY

Persons who meet the minimum qualifications of the classification, as stated on this examination bulletin. All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements by the cut-off date located on the Examinations Page of the OAG website (oag.ca.gov). All applications/resumes must include "to" and "from" employment dates (month/day/year), time-base, and applicable classification titles.

## SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you are an individual with a disability and need reasonable accommodation to participate in this examination, please mark the box in question #2 on the "examination application." You will be notified in writing to determine what assistance can be provided.

## ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

A departmental open eligible list will be established for the Department of Justice. The names of successful competitors will be merged on the list in order of final scores, regardless of test date. Competitors' eligibility will expire **24 months** after it is established unless the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

## CUT-OFF DATE

Examination applications (form STD 678) must be postmarked (U.S. mail) or personally delivered no later than the cut-off date located on the Examinations Page of the OAG website (oag.ca.gov) and on page 4 of this bulletin. Applications must also have an original signature. Applications without original signature will be rejected from the examination.

**APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR PERSONALLY DELIVERED AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE WILL BE HELD AND PROCESSED IN THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION (PLEASE SEE THE "CONTINUOUS TESTING" SECTION FOR MORE INFORMATION).**

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education: Equivalent to graduation from college. (Registration as a senior student in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of successful completion of the curriculum and the prescribed courses before they may be considered eligible for appointment.)

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

**"Equivalent to graduation from College"** – means possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. The applicant must show receipt of a bachelor's degree.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

This class is used for the recruitment and development of individuals with a four-year college degree who do not possess investigative law enforcement experience. Incumbents will receive comprehensive, on-the-job training in the application of the principles and techniques of conducting civil, criminal, or narcotic investigations and enforcement activities for the Department of Justice.

Special Agent Trainees must successfully complete all academy courses, including academic classes, physical training, physical methods of arrest, vehicle operation, and use of weapons in order to be eligible to qualify to move to the class of Special Agent, Department of Justice. Failure in the Special Agent Trainee class to qualify for movement to the class of Special Agent within the prescribed training period will be cause for termination.

Positions **may** exist in Alameda, Fresno, Laguna Woods, Los Angeles, Redding, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

### CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031(a), in order to be a peace officer, a person must be either a U.S. citizen or be a permanent resident alien who is eligible for and has applied for U.S. citizenship, except for members of the California Highway Patrol who must be U.S. citizens. Permanent resident aliens who have not applied for citizenship will be permitted to take an examination, but cannot be appointed to a peace officer class until they have applied for citizenship. Denial of an application for citizenship shall result in termination of employment. In addition, failure to attain citizenship within three years after filing an employment application because the applicant has not cooperated in processing the application for citizenship shall result in termination of employment.

### TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

Under provisions of Penal Code Section 832, successful completion of a training course in laws of arrest, search and seizure, and in firearms and chemical agents is a requirement for permanent status in this classification.

### FIREARMS REQUIREMENT:

Persons convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as defined in the amended Federal Gun Control Act of 1968 are disqualified from appointment to these classes.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, applicants must receive a minimum rating of 70% on the examination. This exam will consist of a written examination and a Physical Ability Test (PAT). Candidates must earn a passing score on the written exam in order to be invited to the PAT. Candidates who successfully pass both exam components will receive a score based on the written examination.

### WRITTEN EXAMINATION - 100%

The written examination consists of a set of job-related multiple-choice questions. Candidates will be provided with scratch paper, scantron, pencils, and erasers. Scoring will be based on the number of correct responses. This component will have the following sections:

1. Attention to Detail
2. Reading Comprehension
3. Writing Ability

### PHYSICAL ABILITIES TEST - PASS/FAIL

The Physical Abilities Test (PAT) is pass/fail. To obtain a position on the eligible list, candidates must pass every section of the test. Each component must be completed within the specified time limit. Competitors will be tested on the following components:

1. A **Solid Wooden Fence Climb** requiring candidates to run 5 yards to a 6 foot wooden fence and climb over the fence within 23 seconds.
2. An **Obstacle Course/Agility Run,** 99 yards long, consisting of 6 sharp turns, three 6" by 6" by 3' curb height obstacles, and a 34 inch high obstacle that must be vaulted in a period of 38 seconds.
3. A **Dummy Drag** requiring the candidate to lift and drag a 165 pound dummy 30 feet in 30 seconds.
4. A **500 Yard Run** that must be completed within 3 minutes.

## TEST DATES

The test will be administered in Sacramento and Los Angeles but additional locations may be added based on the candidate pool. Applications received after posted cut-off dates will be included in the following administration. Candidate test dates are based on their application filing period in accordance with the following table.

| Application Cut-Off Dates | Anticipated Written Examination Dates (Week of) | Anticipated Physical Ability Test Dates (Week of) |
|---|---|---|
| September 21st, 2018 | October 15th, 2018<br>October 22nd, 2018 | November 26th, 2018<br>December 3rd, 2018 |
| September 23rd, 2019 | October 14th, 2019<br>October 21st, 2019 | November 18th, 2019<br>December 2nd, 2019 |

## KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES

The written examination and PAT will measure the following:

### KNOWLEDGE OF:

1. The structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar, to ensure that written materials prepared and reviewed are complete, concise, and free of mechanical errors.
2. Basic mathematics (multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction) and their application to perform calculations.

### ABILITY TO:

1. Communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing, with a wide variety of persons.
2. Read and understand job related documents and manuals (e.g. policies, procedures, legal documents, investigative reports, etc.).
3. Adapt to new laws, policies and/or procedures.
4. Perform detailed work in an accurate and thorough manner.
5. Stand or walk for long periods of time.
6. Drag an inert weight moderate distances.
7. Climb structures or natural formations.
8. Make a running jump or vault over obstacles.
9. Run on a straight or uneven surface for extended periods.
10. Successfully carry heavy objects.

### SKILL IN:

1. Accurately documenting events, observations, and/or statements.
2. Problem-solving (i.e., problem identification, evaluation, suggesting solutions, etc.).

## ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031, persons successful in peace officer examinations shall be required to undergo a thorough background investigation prior to appointment. Persons who have previously undergone a Department of Justice background investigation may be required to undergo an additional background investigation. Information collected for the background investigation after the examination will require you to divulge arrest and/or conviction information on the background investigation documents at the time of employment, but is not required of you at this time. The information you furnish will be used to help determine your suitability for employment with the Department of Justice. Under Section 432.7(e) of the Labor Code, persons seeking employment with the Department of Justice may be asked to disclose arrest or detention information regardless of whether or not the arrest or detention resulted in conviction, referral, or participation in diversion programs. Department of Justice Regulations require, as a minimum, pre-employment investigations consisting of fingerprinting, inquiry to local, State, and national files to disclose criminal records, verification of minimum qualifications (i.e., college transcripts), financial status, previous employment background, and personal interviews to determine applicant's suitability for employment.

Any applicant for a State civil service examination for a peace officer class who discloses, or whose background investigation reveals, use of a drug for which possession would constitute a felony offense under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (Health and Safety Code, division 10, beginning at 11000) subsequent to his or her eighteenth birthday and prior to his or her twenty third birthday, shall be disqualified from the examination in which he or she is competing until 5 years have elapsed from the date of the disclosed or revealed use of the drug; and shall not be eligible to take any State civil service examination for a peace officer class until 5 years have elapsed from the date of the disclosed or revealed use.

If any such disclosed or revealed use occurred on or after the applicant's twenty-third birthday, he or she shall be disqualified from the examination in which he or she is competing until 10 years have elapsed from the date of the disclosed or revealed use of the drug; and shall not be eligible to take any State civil service examination for a peace officer class until 10 years have elapsed from the date of the disclosed or revealed use. The disqualification period shall begin on the date that the drug was used, and not on the date that the drug use was disclosed or revealed.

### POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION:

The candidate may be required to take a polygraph examination.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENING EXAMINATION:

Pass/Fail - This test will consist of a written examination and an interview by a psychologist.

### MEDICAL EXAMINATION:

Pass/Fail - Pursuant to Government Code Section 1031, persons appointed to a peace officer class shall undergo a medical examination to determine that he or she can perform the essential functions of the job safely and effectively. The medical examination also includes a back x-ray, visual acuity and color vision tests.

## SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

### PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

No illegal involvement in controlled substances as an adult; willingness to work through-out the State and at unusual hours; work under stress and adverse conditions; keenness of observation; good memory for names, faces, places, and incidents; willingness to associate with criminally inclined persons and environments in performance of duties; willingness to work undercover and participate in covert moving, stationary and aerial surveillances; willingness to utilize a variety of weaponry, including shotguns, machine guns, tear gas and distraction devices; willingness to pursue violent repeat offenders and effect their arrest; willingness to operate a police vehicle under emergency circumstances; willingness to deal with toxic materials and chemicals; willingness to handle gruesome crime scenes involving persons of all ages; satisfactory record as a law-abiding citizen; maintain good credit; possession of a valid California driver's license; willingness to use all appropriate means, including deadly force, to carry out peace officer duties; exercise good judgment; and demonstrate good work habits.

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good health, sound physical condition, freedom from any physical, mental, or emotional condition or limitation that would interfere with the full performance of the essential duties of positions in this class; effective use of both hands; strength, endurance, and agility; normal hearing; vision sufficient to perform the essential functions of the class; and weight proportionate to height.

### ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Possession of the appropriate certificates as evidence of increased competency at each level is desirable. Also desirable is evidence of completed course work in the following subject areas: introduction to criminal justice, introduction to criminal law, basic investigation, evidence, criminal procedure, and philosophy of law.

## DISQUALIFIERS

### FELONY CONVICTION DISQUALIFICATION:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 1029, persons convicted of a felony are disqualified from employment as peace officers except as provided under Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 2, Chapter 3, Article 8, Section 1179(b), or Division 2.5, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1772(b). Except as provided for by these statutes, persons convicted of a felony are not eligible to compete for, or be appointed to, positions in these classes.

### FIREARMS CONVICTION DISQUALIFICATION:

Incumbents in this class conduct civil, criminal, or narcotic investigation and enforcement activities for the Department of Justice. Incumbents are assigned to a team and may work independently or as a lead-person coordinating the work of other law enforcement personnel. Incumbents may be assigned to provide training and technical assistance to law enforcement personnel.

## VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Veterans' preference credits will be awarded in this examination, pursuant to government code section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014, as follows: 1. Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for veteran's preference. 2. An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. 3. Veterans preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

## CAREER CREDITS

Career credits do not apply for this examination.

## FILING INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for this examination, please complete and return the following:

- Standard State Employment Application (Form STD 678)
- Conditions of Employment (Form 631)
- Official school transcripts (if applicable to meeting minimum qualifications): *Candidates unable to obtain official transcripts before the cut-off date may submit unofficial transcripts for the examination process. However, candidates will be required to submit official transcripts upon appointment to a position.*
- Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire

### MAILING ADDRESS:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TESTING & SELECTION UNIT
ATTN: SPECIAL AGENT TRAINEE EXAMINATION
P.O. BOX 944255
SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2550

### FILE-IN-PERSON:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TESTING & SELECTION UNIT
ATTN: SPECIAL AGENT TRAINEE EXAMINATION
1300 "I" STREET, FIRST FLOOR LOBBY
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

**DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS**

- **TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (CalHR)**
- **THROUGH EMAIL**
- **THROUGH FAX**
- **THROUGH INTER-AGENCY MAIL**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Any questions regarding the minimum qualifications, applying for the examination, being scheduled for the examination, reasonable accommodations, the examination components, scoring, etc., may be directed to the contact information below:

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| **PHONE NUMBER:** | *916-210-6021* |
| **FAX NUMBER:** | *916-445-1218* |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS:** | *TSU@DOJ.CA.GOV* |

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Justice reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules and all candidates will be notified.

It is the Candidate's Responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, seven days prior to the test date if he/she has not received his/her notice. For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the Department of Justice, 916-324-5039, TDD (916) 952-8396 three weeks after the final filing date if he/she has not received a progress notice.

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, he/she will be rescheduled upon written request.

Applications are available at California Department of Human Resources Offices (www.jobs.ca.gov), and local Offices of the Employment Development Department (www.edd.ca.gov).

If you meet the requirements stated on the reverse, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirement does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

Examination Locations: Tests will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Tests are not always given where positions currently exist.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi departmental promotional, 4) service wide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older list must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in from one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and the ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the performance of the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight will be given to the breadth of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

Veterans Preference: Pursuant to Government Code Section 18973.1, effective January 1, 2014, as follows: 1. Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for veteran's preference. 2. An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. 3. Veterans Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

Career Credits: In open, non-promotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in, or are graduates of, the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code Section 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the application Form 100-678. (Section 4 of article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento)

Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General
Office of Human Resources, Testing & Selection Unit
1300 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
916-210-6021
If hearing impaired, call the California Relay Service.
1-800-735-2929 (From TDD Phone)
1-800-735-2922 (From Voice Phone)
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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**
**SPECIAL AGENT TRAINEE**
**DEPARTMENTAL OPEN- STATEWIDE**

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**
**FORM 631**
**IDENTIFICATION #:_____**
**(Personnel Office Use ONLY)**

**NAME _____(PLEASE PRINT)**
**Last First M.I.**

**If you are successful in the above examination, your name will be placed on the active list and certified to fill vacancies according to the conditions you have specified on this form.**

**Note: The location of offices may vary depending on the hiring Department.**

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**PLEASE SELECT YOUR CHOICE(S) INDICATING LOCATION(S) YOU ARE WILLING TO WORK:**

___ Alameda (0100)
___ Contra Costa (0700)
___ Fresno (1000)
___ Los Angeles (1900)
___ Riverside (3300)
___ Sacramento (3400)
___ San Diego (3700)
___ San Francisco (3800)
___ Shasta (4500)

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**PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF APPOINTMENT(S) YOU WILL ACCEPT**

**Please Check Your Choice(s):**

___ (D) Permanent - full time <u>only</u>.
___ (R) Permanent - part time or intermittent.
Temporary - full time, part time, or intermittent.
___ (A) All of the above

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**NOTE: PLEASE NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/ TESTING AND SELECTION UNIT, IN WRITING, OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ADDRESS OR AVAILABILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT.**

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**
**TESTING & SELECTION OFFICE**
**1300 "I" STREET**
**SACRAMENTO, CA 95814**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA – STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

# CRIMINAL RECORD SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(CREATED 6/2010)

Not all Examinations require this Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire. Pease review the Examination Bulletin to determine if the questionnaire is required before completing.

**PRINT OR TYPE – PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE**

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Applicants Name (last) (First) (M.I.)

Mailing Address (Number) (Street) E-mail Address Work Telephone Number

(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code) Home Telephone Number

**Exam Title(s) for which you are applying:**

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## Answer the following Questions:

1. Have you ever been convicted by any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence? ..... ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

2. Have you ever been convicted by any court of a felony?..... ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Explanations

**CERTIFICATION – IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING – if not signed, your application may be rejected.**

*I certify under penalty of perjury that the information I have entitled on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any false, incomplete, or incorrect statements may result in my disqualification from the examination process or dismissal from employment with the State of California. I authorize all agencies to release any information they may have concerning the information provided on this supplemental application to the State of California.*

Applicant's Signature Date Signed

STATE OF CALIFORNIA – STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

# CRIMINAL RECORD SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(CREATED 6/2010)

## INSTRUCTIONS

Read the following instructions carefully before completing this Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire. If the Examination Bulletin requires this Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire to be submitted with your application, you must complete all sections and answer the required questions completely and accurately.

**Applicant Identification Number (Easy ID) –** Enter the required tracking information on the Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire: the first three letters of your last name at birth, the month and day of your birth and the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

**Easy ID –** The Easy ID represents a compilation of the data collected from the Applicant Identification Number section. Please provide the Easy ID established from your Online Employment Center (OEC) profile you created to complete your application. If you are unable to determine your Easy ID, please leave it blank.

**Exam for which you are applying –** Fill in the title(s) of the examination for which you are applying as it is listed on the examination bulletin.

**Questions 1 & 2 –** Answer these questions only if required on the Examination Bulletin.

**Explanations –** Use this section to explain the details of any response that requires additional information. Be thorough and attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

**Signature –** Your signature and the date signed is required. If the Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire is not signed, it may be rejected.

**NOTE:** Your completed Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire and other examination-related information submitted to the department administering this examination becomes confidential information and the property of the State of California as provided by Government Code Section 18934. This Criminal Record Supplemental Questionnaire and other confidential information **will not be returned**; therefore, we recommend that you keep a copy for your personal records. Your rights to inspect your examination papers are set forth in Sections 186-189 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, which can be accessed on the State Personnel Board's website at **www.spb.ca.gov**.